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1. During the early part of 1947, a group of Soviet engineers came to Helsinki to recruit Finnish technical personnel who had formerly worked in the pulp and paper mills which were ceded to the Soviets in 1944. The mills were given to the USSR as part of reparations following the Russo-Finnish war.

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The Kexholm mill was probably one of the best of the pulp and paper mills ceded to the Soviets. It is located at Kexholm (Kakisalmi), SW Karelia, USSR [61.2 N - 30.15 E] on the western side of Lake Ladoga, 75 miles north of Leningrad. It was built in 1929 by the German firm OY Waldhof AB, Mannheim, as a source of pulp for their paper making operations.

The Soviets attempted to recruit other Finns who had worked at the pulp mill but were completely unsuccessful.

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impressed with the equipment and physical layout. It is a very modern mill. In November 1953 it was in full operation. The mill was badly damaged in 1940 and was rebuilt by the Finns in 1942. The mill has a rated production of 100,000 tons/yr of highly bleached dissolving (rayon) pulp. There are eight digesters in the mill, each having a capacity of 340 cu m. the Soviets have built a modern alcohol plant in conjunction with the pulp mill which produces ethyl alcohol from waste sulphate. -end-

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